



MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD

Education and Incentives

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State Tuition Waiver (STW)



- ***“Up Front” waives 25-50% tuition at 2 year and 4 year State Higher Education institutions and Washington and Loyola College***
- ***An agreement between MD National Guard and the State Supported College***
- ***Company Commander or ESO approves***
- ***Guard member takes form directly to the college***



Maryland Colleges and Universities that “Partner in Education” with the Maryland National Guard 50% off



Allegany College of Maryland
Anne Arundel Community College
Baltimore City Community College
Bowie State University (6 shs)

* **Capitol College**

Carroll Community College
Cecil Community College
Chesapeake Community College
College of Southern Maryland
Comm Coll of Baltimore County
Coppin State University
Frederick Community College
Frostburg State University (6 shs)
Garrett Community College
Hagerstown Community College
Harford Community College
Howard Community College

* **Loyola College**

Morgan State University (8 shs)
Montgomery College
Prince George's Community College
Saint Mary's College
Salisbury State University (6 shs)
Towson University (6 shs)
University of Baltimore
Univ of MD @ Baltimore (25% 6 shs)
Univ of MD Baltimore County (6 shs)
Univ of MD Biotech Inst (6 shs)
Univ of MD College Park (6 shs)
Univ of MD Eastern Shore (6 shs)
Ville Julie

* **Washington College**

Wor-Wic Community College

* **Private Schools**



STW Process



1. State tuition Waiver letter must be signed by the Commander or generated by the ESO (Memorandum)
 2. The guard member takes the letter to the college at the time payment is due and the college will waive 25-50% off of the tuition only *(Military photo ID is required)*
- * Most 4 year colleges waive 50% off up to 6 credits per semester
 - * Can be used for both graduate and undergraduate programs at selected schools
 - * Available to guard members upon enlistment



Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)



- Pays up to 100% tuition or \$250 per semester hour (SH) or \$167 per quarter hour (QH) and \$16.66 per clock hour (CR).
- Fees no longer covered by FTA.
- The total amount of FTA (tuition and fees) each soldier is entitled to receive during FY07 will not exceed \$4,500.



FTA Procedures



- 1. Soldier applies prior to the class start date at www.virtualarmory.com (cannot receive FTA if application is completed after class start date).**

*****Soldiers no longer have to send bill and schedule to Education Office or receive then take DA FORM 2171 to school.*****

- 2. Soldier must submit grades to Education Support Office within 30 days of completion by fax, e-mail or mail.**

*****Failure to send grades to Education office will result in future denied FTA requests.*****



Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)



The Benefit (CH 1606): \$11,412.00

- **\$317.00/month for 36 months (full-time)**
- **Prorated for part-time**
- **Vocational, Undergraduate, Graduate study or Flight Training**

How to Qualify

- **Must have HS Diploma/GED before use**
- **Six year obligation in the National Guard**
- **Complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT)**



Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP) CH 1607 GI Bill



- Soldiers who deployed in contingency operation after 9/11 and spend 90+ days “boots on ground” qualify
- Get % of CH 30 Active Duty GI Bill
- www.gibill.va.gov to view rates



MGIB Procedures

1. Soldier requests Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) through Education Support Office by fax, e-mail or mail.
 - * Commanders may no longer complete NOBE's.
2. Take NOBE to office of Veteran's Affairs at the school to be processed.



MGIB KICKER



The Benefit: \$7,200

- additional \$200.00/month for eligible soldiers/airmen (full-time)
- Selected units and military occupational specialties
- additional \$350.00 per month for OCS/WOCS/ROTC soldiers

How to Qualify:

- **Qualify for basic MGIB benefits *plus***
- **Sign a contract for the Kicker at time of enlistment**
- **Serve six year obligation with the Army National Guard**

Bottom Line: *MGIB Plus KICKER = \$18,612*



MGIB KICKER Procedures

1. Request a KICKER contract through the Education Support Office or from the soldiers unit.
2. Contact the ESO to obtain a control number.
3. Sign and return KICKER contract to the Education Support Office.



State Tuition Reimbursement (STAR)



- STAR reimburse up to 50% of tuition and related fees with a grade of "C" or better and a 2 year obligation from the course start date
- Soldier not eligible for STA if they are eligible for tuition/fees and cost reimbursement from any other source
- Soldier must submit grade to the Education Office within 45 days to receive payment
- Payment is mailed directly to the soldier
- There no longer is a \$5000.00 cap on STAR
- STAR can no longer be used for Masters level or above
- ***Priority is junior enlisted (E1 -E6)***



STAR Process

1. Submit a TYPED MDNG 5-6 to the Education Support Office by:
 - a. Summer Semester – 15 July
 - b. Fall Semester – 15 October
 - c. Spring Semester – 15 March
2. Send copy of bill and schedule to Education Support Office.
3. Submit grades within 45 days of completion of semester.



Education Goodies



- National Guard Association of Maryland (NGAM) - \$1,000.00 scholarship
- Free SAT/ACT Preparation Resources
- Free Testing: CLEP, DANTES, EXCELSIOR and APT
- Discount SAT/ACT Testing:
 - ACT @ \$29.00/Test
 - SAT @ \$41.50/Test



Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship Program



- Service Member and Dependents
- MD residents only/ 60+ days “boots on ground”
- Up to \$8,850.00 in Tuition, Fees and Room & Board @ Univ. of MD System Schools
- Pays up to 50%
- Scholarship based on Funds Availability

<http://www.mdva.state.md.us/scholarships.html>



Hodson Trust Star Scholarship Fund



- Johns Hopkins, Hood, St. Johns or Washington College (Some Masters)
- MD Residents only/ 60+ days “boots on ground”
- Three full scholarships per school per year until 2012

<http://www.mdva.state.md.us/scholarships.html>



Troops and Souses to Teachers



- Repayment for tuition up to \$5,000.00
- Bonuses up to \$10,000.00 to teach in 50% or greater Free and Reduced Meal Schools
- Counseling and Advising
- Hire in Advance Opportunities
- Job Listings
- Study References for Teaching Exams

<http://www.tttmaryland.org/availableservices.html>



Anne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships



- \$500.00 - \$1,000.00 scholarship for spouses
- Can be used for certificates
- Can be used up to graduate level

http://www.nmfa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Spouse_Scholarship



Dependent Children Scholarships



- Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Scholarship Program (up to \$8,850) - http://www.mhec.state.md.us/financialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_vaic.asp
- National Guard Association of MD (\$1,000) - <http://www.ngam.net>
- Scholarships for Military Children - <http://www.militaryscholar.org/>
- National Military Family Association - <http://www.nmfa.org/site/PageServer>



Dependent Children Scholarships Continued



- Thanks USA (up to \$3,000) -
<http://www.thanksusa.org/main/index.html>
- Horatio Alger Association -
<http://www.horatioalger.org/>
- Fisher House -
<http://www.fisherhouse.org/>
- Homefront America (up to \$1,000) -
<http://www.homefrontamerica.org/>

